(c) whether the DDA has assessed the reasons for a large number of requests for cancellation of houses, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the process of reimburesement of initial deposit money has been initiated, if not, by when it is likely to be completed, stating the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) DDA has reported that 6847 houses have been allotted under the Expandable Housing Scheme 1995.

(b) About 3700 requests have been recived as on 31.07.1995.

(c) No specific study has been undertaken for the purpose. However, the applications received for cancellation of allotments reveal that the surrender of flats has been made for the following reasons:--

(i) Allottees find the cost on the higher side.
(ii) Financial problems.
(iii) The flats are not located in population localities.
(iv) Small accommodation.
(v) Personal Reasons.

(d) The process of reimburesement of initial deposit money after introducing cancellation charges in respect of applicants, who have surrendered the allotments, has already been started.

लौह अयस्क के उत्पादन हेतु स्टील अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया (सेल) द्वारा शुरु की गई परियोजनाएं

2508. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान स्टील अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड ने देश में लौह अयस्क के उत्पादन हेतु कौन-कौन सी परियोजनाएं आरम्भ की है

(ख) क्या "सेल" ने इस आश्य की कोई रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत की है कि वित्तीय संकट के कारण बड़े उत्पादन कार्यक्रम आरम्भ नहीं किये जाएगे;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) क्या पश्चिमी बंगाल और मध्य प्रदेश राज्यों में किन्हीं ऐसे कार्यक्रमों को छेड़ दिया गया है; और

(ड) यदि हां, तो ऐसी परियोजनाओं को पुन: चालू करने के लिये "सेल" को पर्याप्त धन उपलब्ध कराने हेतु क्या कदम उठाए जाने का विचार है?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव): (क) लौह अयस्क का उत्पादन करने के लिये पिछले 3 वर्षों 1992-93 से 1994-95 के दौरान "सेल" द्वारा कोई नई परियोजना शुरु नहीं की गई है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) जी, नहीं।

(ड) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

हिन्दुस्तान स्टीलवर्क्स कंस्ट्रक्शन लिमिटेड (एच.एस.सी.एल.) के दुर्गापुर स्थित एकक में विभागीय मजदूरों की संख्या

2509. **श्री गया सिंह:** क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) एच.एस.सी.एल. के दुर्गापुर स्थित एकक में कुल कितने विभागीय मजदूर कार्यरत हैं;

(ख) वहां कितने ठेका मजदूर कार्यरत हैं; और

(ग) सप्लाई मजदूरों (दैनिक वेतन भोगी ठेका मजदूर) की कुल संख्या कितनी है और तत्संबधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव): (क) एच.एस.सी.एल. की दुर्गापुर इकाई में इस समय 486 विभागीय कर्मचारी हैं।

(ख) दुर्गापुर इस्पात संयंत्र के आधुनिकीकरण के अंतर्गत कार्य निष्पादित करने के लिये एच.एस.सी.एल. द्वारा एजेंसियों के माध्यम से लगाए गये ठेका कामगारों की संख्या 1850 है।

(ग) एच.एस.सी.एल. ग्राहकों को श्रमिक नहीं देता। अत: इस जानकारी को शून्य समझा जाए।

Privatisation of Mines

2510. SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the press news-item

captioned "Two more iron-ore mines to be privatised" as reported in Indian Express dated 26th July, 1995;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the two more mines to which Government propose to privatise are profitable ones; and

(d) if so, the reasons why Government wants to privatise them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDC) is having mining lease for Kumaraswamy Block B and C deposits. Government of Karnataka has sought surrender to the lease held by NMDC in favour of the State Government to enable the State Government to lease it to private entrepreneurs setting up steel plants. Kumaraswamy deposits have not been fully commercially exploited as yet.

National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDC) has also applied for grant of mining lease in respect of Ramandurg Deposit.

Assistance to Tobacco Growers' Union

2511. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will extend assistance to Tobacco Growers' Unions on an ad hoc basis to educate farmers on lab-to-land research developments;

(b) if so, the kind of assistance that can be applied for;

(c) the steps likely to be taken to grant financial assistance to such tobacco farmers' organisations in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether any assistance has been given to them so far; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The technical know how of tobacco cultivation in terms of Tobacco Nursery Raising, Planting, Fertilizer Management, Disease & Pest Management, Harvesting, Curing and Grading is being given to the Tobacco Growers at CTRI.

(b) Tobacco Growers Association can make request to the Central Tobacco Research Institute for helping the farmers with the non-monetery inputs such as training and advisory services.

(c) to (e) No financial assistance is proposed to be granted to the Tobacco Farmers Organiszation in Andhra Pradesh.

Hardship faced by Ph.D Students in Delhi University

2512. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that postgraduate students of Delhi University are facing hardship to get their Ph. D. Degree on time on account of the failure of the examiners to turn up for conducting the Viva-Voce;

(b) whether students had to lose one year on this account as reported in the Indian Express dated 7-8-95; and

(c) the remedial steps taken to streamline Delhi University administration for being sympathetic to students for timely holding all examinations including that of for Doctorate degrees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KM. SELJA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Schemes for Development of Medium and Small Cities in Gujarat

2513. SHRI ANATRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes introduced/ proposed to be introduced by the Central Government, through the Housing and